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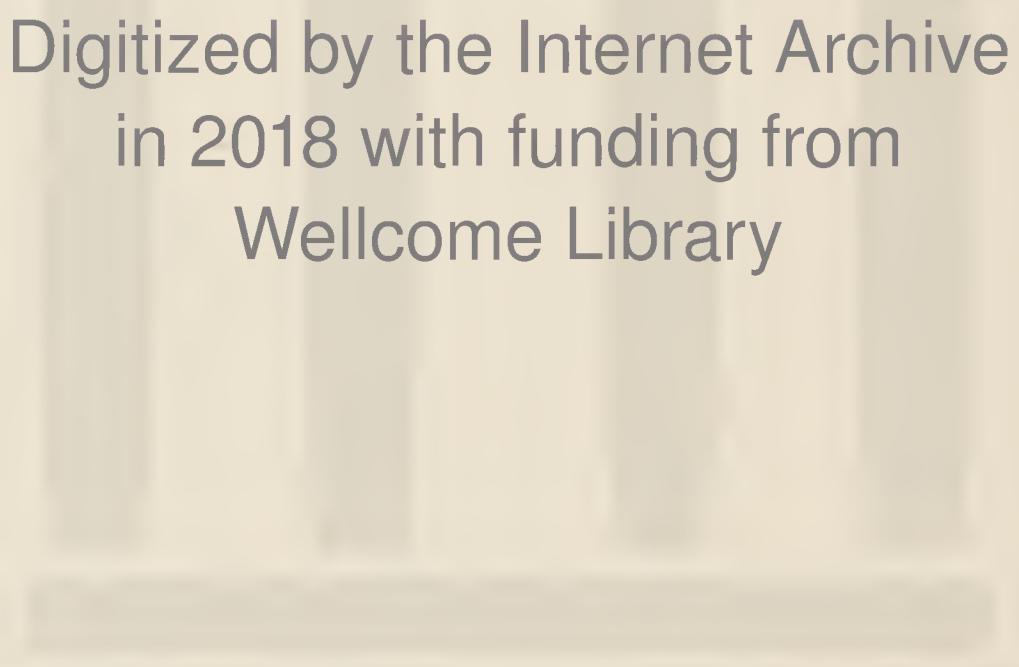
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THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1941.
Area.—7845 acres of land; 405 acres of water.

General Statistics

Population.—35,690.

*Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1941)
according to the Rate Books.—9314.*

Rateable Value.—£328,342.

Sum represented by a penny rate.—£1,368.

Social Conditions

Chief industries carried on in the District are :—

Manufacture of Linoleum, Paint Works, Laundries, Iron Works, Fat Extraction and Refining, Rag Flock Manufacture, Building Trade and Manufacture of Roofing Tiles, Gravel Digging, Manufacture of Tin Ware and Agriculture.

EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT

At the end of 1941, there were 45 men and 30 women unemployed in the District.

Vital Statistics

The total number of live births registered during the year was 595 ; of these 294 were males and 301 females.

The illegitimate births included in these figures totalled 34 ; 16 males and 18 females.

The Birth rate was 16.67 as compared to 20 in 1940 and 19.86 in 1939.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 14.2.

The Still Births numbered 36, 15 males and 11 females. All of these were legitimate.

The Still Birth rate was 1.0 as compared to 0.60 in 1940 and 0.60 in 1939.

The Still Birth rate for England and Wales was 0.51.

DEATHS

The deaths numbered 355; of these 184 were males and 171 females.

The Death rate was 10.53 as compared to 11.9 in 1940 and 10.0 in 1939.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 12.9.

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis and one death was caused by other Puerperal causes.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	68.7
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate births	...	...	88.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate births	...	...	88.0
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	4
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	3
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	7

Heart Disease caused 76 deaths; Cancer 65, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 12 and other forms of Tuberculosis 2,

General Provision of Health Services in the Area

Medical Officer of Health (part time) :

A. C. MANN, M.C., M.B., CH.B.

District Medical Officers (part time) :

J. YOUNG SCOTT, M.B., CH.B.

J. A. EDWARDS, M.B., CH.B.

A. C. MANN, M.B., CH.B.

Medical Officers Staines Institution (part time) :

L. R. PICKETT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Medical Officer Staines Joint Isolation Hospital (part time) :

H. J. BERGH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Vetinary Officer (part time)

R. WILLETT, M.R.C.V.S.

Sanitary Inspectors :

Senior Sanitary Inspector :

MR. C. RODGERS, CERT. R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspectors :—

MR. W. J. M. HODGKINS, CERT. R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

MR. R. L. BURKILL, CERT. R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Junior Assistant, Public Health Department :—

MR. M. E. HELLIER.

Laboratory Facilities

Material and swabs are examined at the Clinical Research Laboratories.

Ambulance Facilities

An Ambulance for the use of infectious cases is provided by the Staines Joint Isolation Hospital.

Local Ambulances are used for non-infectious cases.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

There has been no extension of the Public Service mains during the year.

Five samples of water taken from public service mains for bacteriological and chemical analysis, nine samples were taken from local wells, one from a stream and two from a swimming bath. The results of the examination of the samples from the Public Service mains were satisfactory

Action was taken for provision of a proper supply where necessary.

Drainage and Sewage Disposal

Work of sewerage in Stanwell Ward is nearing completion.

Work of connecting drains to the sewers in Ashford, Laleham and part of Stanwell has continued during the year.

Public Cleansing

No change from last year.

Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary during the year.

Camping Sites

Camping on the river side at Laleham was again in evidence but again not to such an extent as in the previous year.

Smoke Abatement

No nuisance was caused during the year.

Schools

No action was necessary for the remedy of sanitary defects during the year.

Premises and Occupations in the District

Subject to Control by the Local Authority

Camping sites and moveable dwellings.

Offensive Trades.

Slaughter-houses.

Houses let in Lodgings.

Establishments for massage and Special Treatment.

Hairdressers' and Barbers' premises.

Legislation in Force in the Urban District of Staines

Public Health Act, 1875 (part of).

- Public Health Acts (Amendment Act 1890) (part of).
 Private Street Works Act, 1892.
 Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (part of).
 The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890 (part of).
 The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888.
 Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 and 1935.
 Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.
 Public Health Act, 1936.
 The Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926 (part of).
 The Housing Acts, 1930—1936.
 Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938 (part of).
 Middlesex County Council Act, 1934 (part of).

Inspection and Supervision of Meat and Other Foods

Forty six premises are registered as being used for the preparation or manufacture or storage of Ice Cream intended for sale.

Forty two premises are registered as being used for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food intended for sale.

All these premises are inspected periodically and oftener as occasion demands.

Meat in shops and stalls is examined weekly when possible.

ADULTERATIONS ETC.

Action for detection and prevention of adulteration of food is taken by inspectors of the Middlesex County Council excepting in urgent cases on complaint when action is taken by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Notifiable Diseases

Measles accounted for four deaths and Diphtheria for two.

1353 children were successfully immunised against Diphtheria during the year.

This compares most favourably with the total for 1940 which only reached eighteen.

No child who had been immunised developed Diphtheria.

I enclose charts showing the numbers of the various diseases notified and their age groups.

I also append a list showing causes of death during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. C. MANN.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

CAUSES OF DEATH	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
All Causes	184	171
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	—
Whooping Cough	2	1
Diphtheria	2	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	8	4
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	2
Syphilitic Diseases	3	0
Influenza	6	4
Measles	2	2
Acute mf. Encephalitis	—	2
Cancer of B. Cav. Oesophagus and Ulcers	4	5
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	3
Cancer of Breast	0	8
Cancer of all other sites	27	14
Diabetes	1	2
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	10	17
Heart Disease	38	38
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	2
Bronchitis	7	10
Pneumonia	12	12
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	3	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years	3	4
Other Digestive Diseases	2	1
Nephritis	3	10
Other Maternal Causes	0	1
Premature Birth	6	2
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries, Infantile Diseases	3	3
Suicide	3	4
Road Traffic Accidents	3	1
Other Violent Causes	11	4
All Other Causes	11	13

TUBERCULOSIS—DEATHS

<i>Age</i>	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
<i>Period</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
0- 2	...	—	—	—
2- 5	...	—	—	—
5-15	...	—	—	—
15-25	...	—	—	—
25-35	...	2	2	—
35-45	...	1	2	—
45-55	...	3	—	—
55-65	...	—	—	—
65-75	...	2	—	—
75-85	...	—	—	—
85-95	...	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS—NOTIFICATIONS

<i>Age</i>	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
<i>Period</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
0- 2				
2- 5	...	1	2	3
5-15	...	—	2	—
15-25	...	2	6	—
25-35	...	5	6	1
35-45	...	4	3	—
45-55	...	4	—	2
55-65	...	—	1	—
65-75	...	1	—	1
75-85	...	—	—	—
85-95	...	—	—	—

STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO THE CHAIRMAN

AND

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

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SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR,
1941

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with pleasure that I submit a report containing particulars of the duties carried out in the Public Health Department of the Urban District of Staines during the year ending December, 1941 by your Sanitary Inspectors.

Owing to the introduction of a system of centralised slaughtering the number of carcases examined in private slaughter-houses is not so great as in recent years, but the staff have been fully employed in many and varied duties imposed on Local Authorities as results of the War.

I thank the Members of the Committee and the Council for the interest taken in all matters I have had to place before them for consideration during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES RODGERS,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

9th. March, 1942.

Inspections—

Number of Premises inspected on complaint					622
Number of Inspections made in connection with houses damaged as a result of enemy action.	...	...	...	...	47
Number of Premises inspected damaged by enemy action.	...	...	...	...	38
Number of Premises inspected in connection with Infectious Diseases.	...	...	...	...	65
Number of Premises inspected in connection with Tuberculosis.	...	...	...	...	5
Number of Premises inspected in connection with Cancer.	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Premises from which bedding was removed in connection with Scabies.	...	...	...	...	56
Number of Premises inspected in connection with Public Entertainment (Middlesex Licensing Committee).	...	...	...	...	20
Number of Premises under Periodical Inspection.	...	...	...	...	810
Number of Inspections and Re-Inspections made.	...	...	...	...	3390

Notices—

Cautionary or Intimation Notice given :—

Public Health Act.	...	...	...	...	279
Housing Acts.	...	...	...	...	4
Statutory Orders issued (Public Health Act)	...	...	...	...	332
Summons Served.	...	...	...	...	8
(Withdrawn on undertaking by owner)	...	...	...	...	None
Number of letters written.	...	...	...	...	736

Notices : Form No. 1 Housing Act, served	...	13
Housing—		
1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year—		
(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	208
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	...	948
(2) (a) Number of Dwelling-houses included under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	...	78
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	...	136
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	...	1
(4) Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	...	141
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the service of Formal Notices :—		
Number of Defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer		68
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.		
A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—		

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	None
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice :—	
(a) By owners	None
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	None
 B. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ...	52
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which defects were remedied after the service of Formal Notices :—	
(a) By owners	24
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	None
 C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	None
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	None
 D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	None

Offensive Trades—

Number of premises in the district	...	14
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Nature of Trade : Soap Boiling, Fat Extraction.
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Fried Fish Shops—

Number in the district.	7
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Sundry Nuisances Abated, Defects Remedied—

Manure and refuse removed.	13
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Yards paved or repaired.	1
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Damp-proof courses inserted.	2
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Other damp-proof measures adopted.	...	15
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Windows repaired and/or made to open.	49
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Ventilation provided.	1
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Rooms of dwelling-houses cleansed.	...	145
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Floors repaired.	14
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Chimneys repaired, unblocked.	7
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Coppers, firegrates, stoves new provided	5
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Coppers, firegrates, stoves repaired.	...	27
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Walls repaired and/or repointed.	...	42
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Wash houses repaired.	2
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Doors repaired.	27
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New doors fixed.	2
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Roofs repaired.	29
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Ceilings repaired.	14
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Stairs repaired.	1
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Defective sinks removed.	2
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	None
4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV. Overcrowding :			
A. (1) Number of Dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	6
(2) Number of families dwelling therein		11	
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein		54	
B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	...	...	14
C. (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	8
(2) Number of persons concerned	...	...	68
4. Number of Certificates issued under Section 62 (2) of the Housing Act, 1936, on the Application of the Landlord or Occupier, as to the " Permitted Number " in respect of Dwelling-houses.	...	...	152
Public Health Act, 1936, Part II :—			
Drainage of Existing Buildings.			
<i>Water Closets</i> —New, provided.	...	...	2
Substituted for dry receptacles.	...	...	2
Repaired, supplied with water or otherwise improved.	...	...	46
Percentage of houses supplied with water closets.	...	...	96
<i>Drains</i> —Newly Constructed.	...	...	1
Reconstructed.	...	...	2
Examined, tested, exposed for inspection			412

Unstopped, cleansed.	...	...	...	...	367
Repaired, trapped.	...	...	...	...	5
<i>Wastepipes, Rainwater pipes</i> —New provided.					12
Trapped.	...	...	...	...	2
Disconnected, repaired.	...	...	...	...	27
Unstopped.	...	...	...	...	2
<i>Soil pipes, Vent pipes</i> —New provided.				...	1
Removed.	...	...	...	...	2
Unstopped, repaired.	...	...	...	...	3
<i>Cesspools</i> —New constructed.			...	...	1
Repaired or Ventilated.	...	...	...	...	12
Cleansed by order of the Local Authority					280
<i>Earth Closets.</i>					
Cleansed, repaired.	...	...	...	...	1
Removed.	...	...	...	...	2
<i>Dust and Dust Removal.</i>					
New dust-bins provided.	...	...	...	...	21
Complaints received of non-removal	...				4
Method of Disposal—Controlled Tipping.					
Refuse is collected from all houses—Weekly					
<i>Disinfestation</i> —					
Rooms of verminous Dwelling-houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	...
(1) By the Local Authority.	...	...	...	...	30
(2) By other Bodies or Persons.	...				41
Public Health Act, 1936, Part III.					

New sinks fixed.	...	...	...	...	2
Sinks repaired.	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisance from Animals kept in an insanitary state.	...	...	...	...	3
Water Storage Tank repaired	...	...			1
New Food Stores Provided.	...	...			1

Water Supply and Water Service. Part IV.

Wells—New Sunk.	...	...	...	9
Existing houses provided with a wholesome supply of water for domestic purposes.	...	...	...	5
Percentage of houses supplied from Public Service Mains.	...	...	...	99
Cisterns—New, provided to existing houses.	...	...	...	2
Cleansed, covered, repaired.	...	...		11
Draw Taps placed on mains.	...	...		17

All houses are supplied on the constant system.

Companies providing Public Supply—

South West Suburban Water Company.

West Surrey Water Company.

Slough Borough Council.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis—

From Public Mains.	...	...	...	5
From Local Wells.	...	...	...	9
From Stream Supply.	...	...	...	1
From Swimming Baths.	...	...	...	2

Service Taps repaired.	...	...	...	...	4
Service Pipes repaired.	...	...	...	...	8
Disinfection, Part V.					
Rooms disinfected after Ordinary Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	60
Tuberculosis.	...	...	...	...	5
Cancer.	...	...	...	...	6
Other Infectious Diseases.	...	...	...	...	18
Library Books disinfected after Infectious Disease.	...	...	...	...	38
Rooms stripped and cleansed after Infectious Disease.	...	...	...	...	3
Number of persons resident in Institutions in the middle of June, 1941. Part VI.					
Cromwell House School, Staines.	...	...	...	...	13
Ashford Residential School.	...	...	...	...	464
Staines Institution, Ashford.	...	...	...	...	348
Rowland Hill Almshouses.	...	...	...	...	24
Vaughan Almshouses.	...	...	...	...	15
Staines Joint Isolation Hospital.	...	...	...	...	29
Staines Hospital.	...	...	...	...	39
Crafnant Lodge School, Ashford.	...	...	...	...	8
Vale School, Colnbrook.	...	...	...	...	24
Grammar School, Staines.	...	...	...	...	18
Laleham Abbey, Staines.	...	...	...	...	64
Mary Ann Pearce Almshouses, Staines.	...	...	...	...	5
Ashby's Almshouses, Staines.	...	...	...	...	3

Public Health Act, 1936, Part XI.

Moveable Dwellings, Caravans etc.

Number observed during the year.	...	38
Nuisances abated therefrom.	...	9
Number removed from the District.	...	21

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Number of Premises Registered used for sale, manufacture or storage of Ice Cream.	...	46
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Number of Premises Registered used for pre- paration or manufacture of Sausage or Pre- served Food.	42
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Samples taken for analysis :—

Sausage 2, Butter 1, Crumpets 1.

Number of Inspections made in connection therewith.	113
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Food Premises cleansed.	4
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Food Premises repaired.	1
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Bakehouses—

Number on Register.	10
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Contraventions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.	9
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Summons served.	5
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Convictions obtained.	4
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Slaughter-houses.

Number on Register.	8
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Butchers Shops.

Number in the District.	27
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Unsound Food—

Seized and/or surrendered :

Plums.	77 tins.
Beans	8 tins.
Pears.	7 tins.
Herrings.	...	...	...	...	...	181 tins.
Sardines.	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins.
Salmon.	...	...	...	...	...	1 tins.
Pilchards.	...	...	...	...	...	9 tins.
Peas.	...	...	...	...	...	60 tins.
Carrots.	...	...	...	...	...	32 tins.
Mixed Salad.	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins.
Meat and Vegetable Dinner.	...	...	...	...	...	11 tins.
Chicken & Ham Roll.	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Potatoes.	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Prunes.	...	...	...	...	...	1 tins.
Pineapple.	...	...	...	...	...	28 tins.
Mixed Vegetables.	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Brisling.	...	...	...	...	...	1 tins.
Corned Beef.	...	...	...	...	...	12 tins.
Corned Beef.	...	...	...	...	...	24 lbs.
Cocoa.	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Haricot Beans.	...	...	...	...	...	16 tins.
Condensed Sweetened Milk.	...	...	...	...	...	5 tins.
Evaporated Milk.	...	...	...	...	...	15 tins.
Jam.	...	...	...	...	...	7 jars.

Marmalade.	...	...	...	...	...	1 jar.
Paste.	...	...	...	...	...	13 jars.
Pickles.	...	...	...	...	...	6 jars.
Coffee.	...	...	...	...	...	1 jar.
Mincemeat.	...	...	...	...	...	2 jars.
Damsons.	...	...	...	...	...	6 jars.
Custard Powder.		...	...	...	...	1 pkt.
Jellies.	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	723½ lbs.
Flour.	...	...	...	...	...	3½ lbs.
Sweets.	...	...	...	...	...	42½ lbs.
Fig and Madeira Cake.	...	...	...	...	...	23 lbs.
Chopped Ham.	...	...	...	...	...	12 lbs.
Brawn.	...	...	...	...	...	113 lbs.
Luncheon Sausage.	...	...	...	...	...	39 lbs.
Imported Beef.	...	...	...	...	...	147lbs. 14oz.
Ox Cheek.	...	...	...	...	...	9½ lbs.
Ox Liver.	...	...	...	...	...	7½ lbs.
Imported Mutton.	...	...	...	...	...	93 lbs.
Pigs forequarters.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pigs hindquarters.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Calf Head.	...	...	...	...	...	1
Calf Feet.	...	...	...	...	...	12
Pigs Plucks.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pigs Heads.	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tea.	...	...	...	...	...	6¾ lbs.

Cheese.	...	...	...	...	...	$14\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Bacon.	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Margarine.	...	...	...	...	...	$3\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Butter.	...	...	...	...	...	$58\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Tomatoes.	...	...	...	...	...	1lb. 12oz.	
Onions.	...	...	...	...	...	10lb. 12oz.	
Crumpets.	...	...	...	...	...	1lb. 8oz.	
Rabbits.	...	...	...	...	...	896	lbs.
New Potatoes.	...	...	...	...	...	1	ton.
Emulsified Chinese Eggs.				...	...	90	lbs.
Imported Eggs.	...	...	...	...	...	1256	
Fish Cakes.	...	...	...	...	...	148	
Fruit Puddings.	...	...	...	...	...	50	
Sauce.	...	...	...	...	...	1	Bott.
Number of dwelling-houses in the District, 31st. December, 1941.	...	...	...	...	...	9388	
Number of dwelling-houses unoccupied, 30th. June, 1941.	...	...	...	...	...	74	
Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938.							
Number of registered Hawkers of Meat, Fish, Fruit and Vegetables in the District				...		19	

Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 and 1935

Carcases and Viscera Inspected. Slaughtered
in the District.

Calves.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pigs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
							55

Number of visits to slaughter-houses in con-
nection therewith. 44

Contraventions of Public Health (Meat) Regu-
lations. 4

Summons for Contravention of Public Health
(Meat) Regulations. 4

Convictions obtained. 4

Milk Supply

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923 and 1936.
Samples taken for examination 16

Ordinary Milk.

Samples taken for Bacteriological Content and
Tubercule Bacilli. 2

Complaints of milk delivered to consumer in
dirty bottles. 2

Rag Flock Acts, 1911—1928

Factories in the District. 1

Number of Inspections made. 5

Samples of Rag Flock taken for examination ...
Report on samples satisfactory. 2

Factories

Number of Notices served.	...	...	...	13
Number of defects found.	...	...	...	22
Notification of defects found sent to H.M. Inspector of Factories	...	...	...	1
Number of defects remedied	...	...	...	17

Shop Acts, 1912 to 1936

Number of Shops in the District Registered	...	640
Periodical inspections have been made of all shops in the District and action has been taken where necessary.		

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919

Premises reported to the M.C.C. Inspector for the destruction of Rats and Mice.	14
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CHARLES RODGERS,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

9th March, 1942.

